

REMARKS:

Claims 1-20 are currently pending in the application. Claim 20 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C § 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement. Claims 1, 2, 5-10, 12-14, and 16-20 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by G.S. Wing (*Wing*). Claim 11 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Wing* as applied to claim 8 above. Claim 15 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Wing* as applied to claim 13 above, and further in view of W.B. Stout (*Stout*). Claims 3 and 4 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Wing* in view of Carlson et al (*Carlson*).

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 112:

Claim 20 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C § 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement.

Claim 20 is hereby amended to overcome the Examiner's rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112. Therefore, the Applicants submit that Claim 20, as amended, is now in condition for allowance, and respectfully request that Claim 20 be allowed.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b):

Claims 1, 2, 5-10, 12-14, and 16-20 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by G.S. Wing (*Wing*).

With regard to Claims 1, 2, 5-10, 12-14, and 16-20, the Examiner reiterates *verbatim* his rejections from the Office Action of 31 March 2008. In addition, the Examiner states that the Applicants' arguments are not persuasive because the Applicant has not claimed that the impact skin includes solely the leading edge member.

The Applicants reiterate here all of the distinguishing remarks made in the Amendment filed on 30 June 2008. For the reasons set forth therein, and for the

additional reasons set forth herein, the Applicants submit that the claimed invention is not anticipated by the cited references.

Claims 1 and 17 are hereby amended to more particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter that the Applicants regard as their invention. In particular, Claims 1 and 17 are hereby amended to include the limitation that the pockets are disposed solely in the leading edge member. Thus, the Applicants submit that the amendments to Claims 1 and 17 overcome the Examiner's rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b), and that Claims 1 and 17, as amended, are now in condition for allowance. Therefore, the Applicants respectfully request that Claims 1 and 17, as amended, be allowed.

Claims 2, 5-10, 12-14, and 16 are not hereby amended; however, Claims 2, 5-10, 12-14, and 16 remain dependent upon Claim 1, which is hereby amended, and intervening claims. The Applicants submit that the amendments to Claim 1 overcome the Examiner's rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b). Because Claims 2, 5-10, 12-14, and 16 are dependent upon an allowable base claim, the Applicants submit that Claims 2, 5-10, 12-14, and 16 are now in condition for allowance. Therefore, the Applicants respectfully request that Claims 2, 5-10, 12-14, and 16 be allowed.

Claims 18-20 are not hereby amended; however, Claims 18-20 remain dependent upon Claim 17, which is hereby amended. The Applicants submit that the amendments to Claim 17 overcome the Examiner's rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b). Because Claims 18-20 are dependent upon an allowable base claim, the Applicants submit that Claims 18-20 are now in condition for allowance. Therefore, the Applicants respectfully request that Claims 18-20 be allowed.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a):

Claim 11 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Wing* as applied to claim 8 above.

With regard to Claim 11, the Examiner reiterates *verbatim* his rejections from the Office Action of 31 March 2008. In addition, the Examiner states that the Applicants'

arguments are not persuasive because the Applicant has not claimed that the impact skin includes solely the leading edge member.

The Applicants reiterate here all of the distinguishing remarks made in the Amendment filed on 30 June 2008. For the reasons set forth therein, and for the additional reasons set forth herein, the Applicants submit that the claimed invention is not rendered obvious by the cited references.

Claim 11 is not hereby amended; however, Claim 11 remains dependent upon Claim 1, which is hereby amended, and intervening claims. The Applicants submit that the amendments to Claim 1 overcome the Examiner's rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a). Because Claim 11 is dependent upon an allowable base claim, the Applicants submit that Claim 11 is now in condition for allowance. Therefore, the Applicants respectfully request that Claim 11 be allowed.

Claim 15 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Wing* as applied to claim 13 above, and further in view of *W.B. Stout (Stout)*.

With regard to Claim 15, the Examiner reiterates *verbatim* his rejections from the Office Action of 31 March 2008. In addition, the Examiner states that the Applicants' arguments are not persuasive because the Applicant has not claimed that the impact skin includes solely the leading edge member.

The Applicants reiterate here all of the distinguishing remarks made in the Amendment filed on 30 June 2008. For the reasons set forth therein, and for the additional reasons set forth herein, the Applicants submit that the claimed invention is not rendered obvious by the cited references.

Claim 15 is not hereby amended; however, Claim 15 remains dependent upon Claim 1, which is hereby amended, and intervening claims. The Applicants submit that the amendments to Claim 1 overcome the Examiner's rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a). Because Claim 15 is dependent upon an allowable base claim, the Applicants submit that Claim 15 is now in condition for allowance. Therefore, the Applicants respectfully request that Claim 15 be allowed.

Claims 3 and 4 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Wing* in view of *Carlson et al (Carlson)*.

With regard to Claims 3 and 4, the Examiner reiterates *verbatim* his rejections from the Office Action of 31 March 2008. In addition, the Examiner states that the Applicants' arguments are not persuasive because the Applicant has not claimed that the impact skin includes solely the leading edge member.

The Applicants reiterate here all of the distinguishing remarks made in the Amendment filed on 30 June 2008. For the reasons set forth therein, and for the additional reasons set forth herein, the Applicants submit that the claimed invention is not rendered obvious by the cited references.

Claims 3 and 4 are not hereby amended; however, Claims 3 and 4 remain dependent upon Claim 1, which is hereby amended. The Applicants submit that the amendments to Claim 1 overcome the Examiner's rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a). Because Claims 3 and 4 are dependent upon an allowable base claim, the Applicants submit that Claims 3 and 4 are now in condition for allowance. Therefore, the Applicants respectfully request that Claims 3 and 4 be allowed.

CONCLUSION:

The Applicants submit that the foregoing amendments and remarks *prima facie* place the subject application in condition for allowance. As such, the Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and a Notice of Allowance.

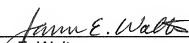
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